GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO THE EMPLOYEES OF SUPER BAZAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether salaries for the last five months have not been paid to the employees of the Super Bazar in Delhi and the Management Board of the Super Bazar is not withdrawingthe funds sanctioned to it by the Ministry of Finance for making payment of salaries for three months to the employees;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in it; and

(c) the steps proposed by the Government to ensure early payment of outstanding salaries of the staff for the last five months?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Super Bazar has reported that the salaries of the employees of Super Bazar from September, 2001 onwards have not been disbursed. The Government of India (Department of Consumer Affairs) have made available a sum of Rs. 4.50 Crores to Super Bazar as loan for bridging its resource gap. Super Bazar has further reported that there was a strike by a section of Super Bazar employees from 29.8.2001 to 20.11.2001. Keeping in view, the Board of Directors in their meeting on 15.2.2002 decided to utilize this amount for payment of salaries for December 2001, January 2002 and February2002. Accordingly, necessary orders were issued by Super Bazar. It is reported by Super Bazar that a section of employees have forcibly prevented the preparation of salaries forthe period decided by the Board of Directors on the Plea that salaries for September to November 2001 should be disbursed first.

(c) : It is the internal matter of Super Bazar. Government of India does not interfere in their day to day affairs. However, the Super Bazar has reported that the forcible tactics/actions by a section of employees have been brought to the notice of police authorities.